



Jackman House to close?

TALKS are to start over the future of Dorchester's Douglas Jackman House.

The home for people with learning disabilities is likely to be closed with residents moved to other homes in the community.

Despite good inspection reports, the building is no longer thought to be suitable to meet modern standards of care. A similar home in Weymouth is also likely to shut under the process.

Councillor Andrew Catt-

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away, cabinet member for adult and community services at Dorset County Council, said: "We know the staff at both homes work hard to support the residents and engage them in the local community, and the council wants to build on what they have accomplished to provide a modern, cost effective, improved service where people have greater

independence and control over their lives.

"Residential services for people with a learning disability have developed greatly over the past decade to meet changing needs and expectations. "Most adults with a learning disability and their carers prefer more independent living where people have their own self-contained accom-

modation and yet can maintain contact with others such as friends.

"This is also in line with the Government's guidelines for providing best possible care."

More independence

In recent years, five of the former residents at Douglas Jackman home have successfully moved into supported self-contained flats as a result of gaining more independence.

This has also been the long-term goal for the

eight remaining residents at the home, who are already well on their way to achieving this ambition. They are supported by 40 full and part-time staff who may now find their jobs changing, or ending, as a result of the 90-day consultation which is about to start.

The residents are encouraged to live as independently as possible and have an individual programme of activities that encourages independence and self-esteem. This includes aqua fit, walking groups, coffee mornings, and also



■ **ON THE MOVE:** Douglas Jackman House residents Robert Russell and Tony Milligan at a woodwork session

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Protest march over cuts

A TOWN centre march again continuing cuts to public services will be held in Dorchester on Saturday, February 9th.

Union members and supporters will start their march at Poundbury Great Field and walk to the new West Dorset District Council offices in South Walks. They are protesting against budget cuts at all local councils and what they claim is a pay cartel in South West regional NHS Trusts.

Unison will be working with the Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland Trades Union Council in what they are dubbing as a march to stop "the Valentine's Day budget massacre" – a reference to the day when key budget decisions for the financial year ahead are expected to be taken.

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ALTHOUGH Sharon Ward lives in Eastleigh, she spends her weekends at her parents' home in Raymonds Hill, near Lyme Regis, and also returns on Tuesdays to teach at Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club.

Sharon grew up in Surrey and her parents moved to the area in 1994. Whilst staying with them she had to travel to Weymouth or Bournemouth to train in taekwondo, so eventually set up her own club in 2005.

She currently works at the MoD Camp in Worthy Down, Winchester, at the Junior Ranks Mess.

● **HOW did you first become interested in taekwondo?**

I first got involved in taekwondo while I was living in London, to help with my asthma, as I had read that martial arts and especially taekwondo was very good for controlling it. I found a local club and started training. I loved it, my asthma improved amazingly and 14 years later the rest, they say, is history.

● **WHEN did you set up Lyme Regis Taekwondo Club?**

I set up my club in 2005 as, while I was living down here, I had to travel to Weymouth and Bournemouth to train which is quite far away. I also noticed that Lyme doesn't have enough facilities to provide children or adults with the opportunity to sample varied sports. It was limited to football or cricket. So I decided I would love to share my skills with people and let them experience a very different sport.

● **TELL us about your classes...**

I run two classes - one for children aged from four and a half or five years upwards, and then an adults or senior grade class. We meet on Tuesdays at the Scout Hut in Rhode Lane. Children's class from 5pm to 6.30pm and adults from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The classes are for all abilities, anyone regardless of their age or physical ability can join.

● **WHAT are the benefits of taking up taekwondo?**

There are many benefits to taking up taekwondo. It can improve overall health, fitness, flexibility, co-ordination, balance and stamina. You gain confidence as you progress. It also gives you a sense of achievement when you manage to master a technique or gain a grade. As with any exercise you always get a feel good feeling.

● **YOU attended the London Olympics last year. What did you get to see?**

I was lucky enough to get tickets to see taekwondo at the Olympics, the only thing I applied for and wanted to see. For me, I enjoyed the atmosphere everywhere and



the satisfaction that, for once, people all over the world and country get to see the sport I love on television, watching the best players (fighters).

I also enjoyed the fact that I was there! I have something to tell my nephews, my students and future students - the best-multi sport competition in the world came to our country and I was there! It will never happen again in my lifetime. I have amazing memories that will stay with me forever and long after the hype all died down.

● **HOW did you feel about Team GB winning gold in**

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taekwondo?

I think my reaction was tension followed by loud screams, whoops, jumping up and down, punching the air, tears, and a huge grin! Oh, and of course a massive sense of pride.

I had always thought that Jade Jones would bring us back the gold as she was our best fighter. If they had let Aaron Cook in the team they would have had two golds.

It made me feel that more people may now start taking an interest in taekwondo, and realising what it is, and hoping that big companies will help fund training Do-jangs, athletes and small clubs like they do with football and other mainstream sports.

● **WHAT are your personal interests?**

Other than taekwondo I enjoy the outdoors - camping, walking (all stemmed from being a Guide and Guide Leader), going to the gym, swimming, cycling, running. I also enjoy reading and baking.

● **WHAT do you like about Lyme Regis and the surrounding area?**

What I really love about Lyme and surrounding areas is the amazing scenery, the sea, the friendliness of the people and the community spirit.

● **WHAT would you change about the town if you could?**

If I could I would make sure that there was lots of different sports available to everyone - not just children. Utilise the facilities that we have, maximise to benefit the community rather than just seeing them go to waste or getting used for just one thing. There is a lot of land/buildings that can be used more. I would have indoor facilities that can be used for planned outdoor activities when the rain hits, so they don't have to be cancelled. I would have less restrictions on parking times to help keep the locals here and attract tourists, not just in the summer months.

● **WHERE is your ideal holiday destination?**

I have two ideal holidays. One would be to be Hudson bay, Churchill, Canada. The reason being one of my passions is polar bears and I have always wanted to go to Hudson Bay and go out in a Tundra Buggy to see the polar bears up close.

My other has to be South Korea, Birthplace of Taekwondo. I would love to be able to go over there and experience the culture and get to train with the best.

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District freezes council tax again despite fall in government grants

COUNCIL tax charges for West Dorset District Council are expected to be frozen for another year – but further 'efficiencies' could be on the way to pay for it.

The authority says it believes it can hold its share of the tax at the current level and maintain services despite getting almost 10 per cent less in grants from the Government. The reduction is the equivalent of a loss of more than £570,000.

Part of the savings come from joint working with Weymouth and Portland Borough council – a move which the council claims has saved £2million a year for the two authorities.

Also cited is the anticipated savings in running costs West Dorset believes it will achieve by the move to its new offices. The council's news release makes

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no mention of its old offices which remain unsold and will still have to be maintained.

Car owners in the district, boasts the council, will see no increase in their car parking charges in the year ahead. This will be the seventh year in a row that short stay charges are frozen.

The council has set up a budget working group to investigate further efficiencies in order to protect essential services in future years.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "These are challenging times for local councils. The

national picture means our government grant continues to fall, many of our traditional income streams are under pressure and, like householders, we have seen energy and fuel costs rise way ahead of inflation.

"But careful financial management, savings from working in partnership, continuous efficiencies and the move to smaller, greener and cheaper offices in Dorchester means we aim to freeze council tax and parking charges in 2013/14."

The district council will confirm its share of the 2013/14 council tax bill on February 26th. The total bill also includes charges from Dorset County Council, Dorset Police, Dorset Fire and town or parish councils.

DORCHESTER news briefs

Vehicle thefts

DORSET police are warning about continuing thefts from vehicle.

Drivers are being reminded to remove items of value altogether – and not be tempted to put them in the boot.

"Laptops, handbags, CDs, wallets and tools should all be removed, together with satellite and GPS equipment as well as the cradle used to hold the device to the screen. Driving documents and personal correspondence should not be left inside the vehicle, even if for only a short time," said a spokesman. The force also suggests that to prevent number plates being stolen, owners may wish to consider replacing the screws with clutch head ones which cannot be unscrewed.

They are also asking people to remain vigilant and report any suspicious persons or activity as soon as possible.

Trust changes

A SPECIAL meeting of the Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust was held in Dorchester yesterday (Wednesday) to discuss changes to the trust's constitution.

The Extraordinary Meeting, which was only open to members, was being asked to approve changes as a result of the Health and Social Care Act.

The amendments have already been approved by the Trust Board last October and by the Council of Governors in November 2012.

Copies of the changes can be found on the Trust's website <http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/>

Health seminar

A HEALTH seminar is being held at the Dorchester Sports Centre at the end of the month to help those planning to lose weight and improve their fitness.

The free event, organised by the 1610 Trust, which runs the centre, aims to explode some of the myths surrounding weight loss, exercise and dieting. Tips will be offered on how to achieve a balanced diet and a sustainable exercise regime – together with the chance to have a blood pressure check, weight and body mass index calculations.

It takes place at the Dorchester Sports Centre in Coburg Road at 11.30am on Monday, January 28th. To book call Hannah Chaudhri on 01823 410124 or email her hchaudhri@1610.org.uk



■ **CHEQUE MATES:** Dorchester Rotary President Keith Bashford, Mayor Andy Canning, Rotarians and representatives of the 35 local organisations who shared almost £6,000 raised by the club's annual draw

Rotary Club draw raises £6,000 for good causes

ALMOST £6,000 has been given to 35 local charities by Dorchester Rotary Club.

The money comes from an annual grand draw.

Keith Bashford, the President of the Dorchester Rotary Club and Dorchester Mayor Andy Canning presented the cheques at a special evening held by the club at the

Kings Arms. Mr Bashford thanked those who took part in the draw and gave a special mention to the sponsorship from local businesses - Grassby's, SW Scaffolding, Goulds, Humphries Kirk, Direct Moves and the Duchy of Cornwall.

Among those to benefit were the Casterbridge Male Voice Choir, Charlton Down Cricket Club,

Charminster Pre-School, Cowden Care Farm, Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club, Dorchester Athletics Club, Dorchester Disabled Club, Cruise Bereavement, Friends of Ridgeway Radio, Home Start West Dorset, Mencap, Grove Pre-School Playgroup and Winterbourne Valley School PTA.

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some work-based learning programmes where they are supported to gain experience in skills such as woodwork and horticulture.

The consultation will focus on the long-term needs of the residents and how best to provide the lifestyle and opportunities they are entitled to.

Branch secretary for the GMB Union Gary Pattison said when the plans were first being considered that the consultation process must be 'meaningful' and that the council listen to the views of staff.

"It is very often the people who actually work at these places who have the best knowledge of what's going on and are in the best position to give their views on how best to make savings."

Action on the buses

WILTS and Dorset bus crews have begun a ballot which could lead to industrial action.

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Training for wildlife volunteers

DORSET Wildlife Trust is launching a training scheme for volunteers who want to be active in supporting wildlife projects.

Open to anyone over 16 the scheme will offer accredited training.

Joy Wallis, Community Conservation Officer at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "If you wish to be actively involved in caring for wildlife and your local environment, these training units can help you get started and empower you to set up or support local wildlife projects. Learn new skills, meet new people and care for the environment."

The programme is supported by the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund, and aims to activate rural communities in Dorset for their local wildlife.

The Wildlife Champion training programme is designed to give people who care about wildlife the skills to make a difference to their local natural environment, whether as part of an existing community group or with the idea of starting a new project in their village, school, church, club or green space.

The programme includes



■ VOLUNTEERS working on a planting scheme and butterfly board at Dorchester's Wildlife Garden

national AQA accredited training in everything from fundraising to wildlife law plus optional units ranging from leading a guided walk to pond management. There is no time limit for completion of the programme and volunteers can pick and choose how much training they do, receiving national AQA accreditation for

each unit. Units consist of a half to a full day training and there are no exams.

The Wildlife Champions training programme will be launched with the first training session on February 9th at Brooklands Farm, near Dorchester. The training is free, but there is a £20 registration fee, refundable on completion of the full Wildlife

Champion programme. For more information, visit www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlifechampions

Places for February 9th can be booked by contacting Joy Wallis on 01305 264620 or email jwallis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk though you can register for the training programme at any time.

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New development area could be included in the local plan for Dorchester

COUNCILLORS have given the green light to consult on an alternative housing and employment site in Dorchester as part of the strategy to shape the future planning needs of West Dorset.

West Dorset District Council's Executive Committee has agreed to hold a consultation on a new proposed site to the south east of Dorchester which could form part of the Local Plan.

It could include around 1,000 new homes with at least 35 per cent affordable housing, as well as local community facilities, offices and industrial units providing more employment for West Dorset as well as improved road access.

Residents will get to have their say on the new proposals when a six-week public consultation begins at the end of January.

The Local Plan sets out a long term planning strategy to meet future housing, employment and leisure needs in the area.

It covers important issues like where housing could be built, how the economy can be boosted and what infrastructure like schools and play areas may be needed.

It also looks at how climate change can be tackled, the environment protected and how future developments can be made more sustainable.

Public consultations for the joint West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan were held across June and July 2012.

The council considered residents' feedback from last summer's consultation, including strong local concerns regarding the development proposals at Barton Farm in Sherborne, Hollymoor Lane in Beaminster and at Crossways. The council could reduce the development allocations in these areas if the alternative site at Dorchester were included in the plan.

West Dorset District Council has a duty to plan for the right amount of development over the coming years.

The councils have worked out how much additional housing is required in the area from projected population figures based on findings from the 2011 Census.

This means any land allocated for development that is removed or reduced from the Local Plan would need to be replaced.

The district council will now examine the alternative Dorchester site to the south east of the county town.

Councillor Robert Gould, Leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "The Local Plan is very important for West Dorset as it will identify the sites for development to support future housing need."

"It is very important we gather the views of local people about how they want the future growth and development in the area managed."

"The consultation events regarding the proposed Dorchester site will be a valuable opportunity for local communities to actively share their views and participate in discussions and we urge people to come along and take part."

The public consultation will take place between January 31st and March 14th. Details can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/newlocalplan/west/weymouth

Drop in sessions for the public to find out about this consultation will be held at:

South Walks House (New Council Offices), Dorchester: Wednesday, February 27th 1-7pm

Crossways Village Hall, Crossways: Wednesday, March 6th 1-7pm

After the public consultation the proposed changes to the plan would then be presented to councillors at Policy Scrutiny Committee, Executive Committee and Full Council before being submitted over the summer to the planning inspector for independent examination.

The Local Plan could be adopted as soon as February 2014.



Energy savings and improved access for new council home

STRATTON HOUSE, West Dorset District Council's High West Street offices, has now closed.

The building, together with those in Princes and Durngate Streets, which it also owns, remain unsold, despite claims the council would get at least £3million from the sale.

Car parks behind the building will remain in use providing free parking for staff working at the new offices in South Walks.

The council claims the new building will save £200,000 a year and offer a better service to local people. It will be the first time that people in wheelchairs will be able to access West Dorset's offices.

Facilities at the new offices include -

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- A spacious reception area with comfortable waiting areas, smart booths and private interview rooms.
- More services in one place, so customers no longer

have to walk around the block and queue up again.

• Better access. For the first time ever people with disabilities can visit the whole building

All phone numbers remain the same and the new postal address is West Dorset District Council, South Walks House, South Walks Road, Dorchester, DT1 1UZ.

Stratton House was not designed as an office and was very inefficient in terms of space. Almost 40 per cent of the building was made up of corridors and stairs, which needed heating and lighting.

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With the town blocked by snow, it's

WITH schools, some public buildings and businesses closed as snow carpeted Dorchester on Friday there was only one thing to do – have some fun!

Maiden Castle and Maumbury Rings were busy all day with young and old enjoying sledging, or just walking the dog.

So much snow fell in the

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early hours that, at one point, every major road into Dorchester was blocked – if not by snow, by jack-knifed lorries and cars which had slithered off the carriageway.

With Dorset Police advising the public not to travel unless absolutely necessary many simply gave up trying to get to

work and set about enjoying themselves.

Dozens took to the slopes on everything from plastic blow-up dinghies, to bellyboards and traditional sledges.

With rubbish and recycling collections cancelled the council advised people to hold on to their waste until the next collection

date – but West Dorset District Council and the County Council, both based in Dorchester, did manage to maintain other services from their respective offices, albeit with reduced staff numbers.

For the police and other emergency services it was a busy day, although few people came to any serious harm from the spate of accidents.

Avoid minor roads

Superintendent Dave Thorp said: "The roads in Dorset, especially west of the county, have been affected by the severe weather conditions.

"I urge anyone who is planning on travelling on

the roads today to please reconsider and only travel if there is no other option.

"In particular, please do not take minor or country roads if it is possible to avoid them."

As schools shut the Dorset For You website buckled under the strain and many faced a frustrating wait as the lines crashed under the sheer weight of people logging on for information.

On the roads bus operator Damory announced that none of its services and schools contracts were operating due to the snow. South West Trains were still running, but on an altered timetable.

A Dorset County Council spokesman said: "Gritting teams were out from midnight treating the priority network ready for sub-zero temperatures.

"Community routes connecting schools, hospitals and isolated communities were gritted on Thursday, and snow ploughs have been fitted to vehicles in preparation.

"Motorists should take extreme care when travelling, keeping their speed down and maintaining a sufficient distance from the vehicle in front to be able to brake and stop safely. It can take 10 times longer to stop in icy conditions."



■ **BRACE YOURSELF:** This pair of youngsters came a cropper at the bottom of Maumbury Rings



■ **SLEDGERS DELIGHT:** This was the scene at Maumbury Rings



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■ FAVOURITE SPOT: Maumbury Rings was popular with sledgers and dog walkers

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Flood damage means pub will be closed for a month

A CERNE Abbas pub will be closed until March to repair damage caused by flood water.

The New Inn, owned by Palmers Brewery, had to shut for a week in July last year when it was first hit by rising water.

Now more extensive structural work will take place, forcing the doors to be closed for all of February.

New Inn Landlord Jeremy Lee said: "Sunday night was our last night for a while, sadly, which means we won't be open to serve drinks, meals or offer accommodation in any of our rooms until the beginning of March.

"The cause of the flooding is the ground water, which has been way too high since the summer."

Mr Lee was judged national Landlord of the Year 2012 by the Good Pub Guide and The New Inn was awarded Dorset Dining Pub of the Year 2012.



■ LANDLORD Jeremy Lee has temporarily closed The New Inn at Cerne Abbas so that Palmers Brewery can repair damage caused by months of torrential rain.

A month to get photos in

JUST a month remains to enter the Jurassic Coast photography competition and the chance of a stake in its £1,800 prize fund.

The 2013 Jurassic Coast Award photography competition is open to anyone and is sponsored by the Fine Family Foundation and endorsed by the Jurassic Coast Trust.

It will be judged in three categories 'My Special Place', 'A Point in Time' and 'Close up Coast'.

The judging panel is being led by photographers Ben Osborne, Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2007 and Joe Cornish one of Britain's most celebrated landscape photographers.

"Winter is one of the best times of the year for landscape photography", explained Ben Osborne, "The low light is especially good for images of the south-facing Jurassic Coast. A dusting of snow is still a possibility and atmospheric conditions are always photogenic. One thing is for certain, if you want to be in with a chance to win you have to be out there with a camera."

The free-to-enter competition is open to all ages with a first prize of £500 to the adult winner and £250 for the youth category as well as runners up cash prizes.

The competition is supported by Dorset Wildlife Trust with winning

entries to be displayed on the BBC Photographic Gallery and at the Fine Foundation Chesil Beach Centre during Easter 2013. Dorset Countryside will host the exhibition in the Fine Foundation Gallery, Durlston Castle in May 2013 and the Lulworth Estate in June 2013.

Entries should be sent as prints (maximum of 5 entries each category), up to A4 size, with the title of image, category of entry, ('Youth' if under 16), name, address, telephone number and email address on the reverse to: Jurassic Coast Award, PO Box 7755, Dorchester, DT1 1GQ

For further information see www.jurassiccoast.org/award

Film night

DORCHESTER Film Society meet tonight, Thursday 24th, at the Corn Exchange for a screening of "Where Do We Go Now" at 7.30pm.

The Society, which has been going since 1959, costs £45 for the year, or £22.50 for 16/17 year olds or UB40, and includes admission to all of the films. Members must be at least 16 years old.

Spinning and weaving

SPINNING and weaving are on offer in Dorchester this weekend.

The busy Dorset Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers are holding an open day this Saturday at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall, at the Sunninghill Preparatory School, Culliford Road, between 11am and 3pm.

The Guild meets on the last Saturday of the month at the same venue, often with a guest speaker in the afternoon. More information can be found at the website www.dorsetweaversspinnersdyers.org.uk or by calling 01305 854229.

Piddle council vacancy

PIDDLE Valley Parish Council currently has one vacancy which it is hoping to fill by co-option. The council next meets on Tuesday, January 29th at 7.30pm in the Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall.

Those interested in becoming a councillor are invited to come along to the meeting to see how the council operates.

First aid skills for schools

DORSET schools are being encouraged to sign up for a national first aid competition aimed at celebrating young people's life-saving skills.

St John Ambulance is looking for school teams of four, plus a reserve, to enter the junior and senior categories at the regional rounds to be held at near Bristol on May 23rd.

To enter, the teams must have completed levels from the St John Ambulance Young First Aider pack, which is available via the charity's website and submit their online applications by February 15th.

Grant Wilson, Schools, Youth and Community Development Co-ordinator for St John Ambulance in Dorset, said: "First aid is not only a vital life skill, it also improves self-esteem, develops confidence and fosters a sense of belonging, which is why we're encouraging more schools to give their students a chance to learn it.

"The competition is a great way for young people to strengthen their knowledge while having fun. We use acting casualties who demonstrate a variety of everyday emergencies so, what could be a better way for the pupils to test their skills?"

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Rotary support for stroke victims

□ **TIM Scarrisbrick (right) from the Dorchester Communication Stroke Club receives a £600 cheque for the charity from Keith Bashford, the current President of the Dorchester Rotary Club**

MORE than £4,000 has been raised by Dorchester's two Rotary Clubs as they toured the town with their Santa sleigh in the run-up to Christmas.

The volunteers visited a succession of streets from Fordington to Poundbury over eight nights.

Cheques from the annual fundraising effort have now been presented.

Recipients included the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Cowden Care Farm and many other Rotary supported charities.

At a recent meeting of the Dorchester Rotary Club, Tim Scarrisbrick of the Dorchester Communication Stroke Club gave a talk on the difficulties of living and adjusting to life after a stroke. The subject was timely bearing in mind the recent stroke suffered by the BBC's Andrew Marr and also that suffered by a local Rotarian.

At the end of the meeting Tim ac-

cepted a cheque to value of £600 for the benefit of the Communication Stroke Club.

He said that the money would be well spent on communication aids needed to assist those who have suffered a stroke.

Lorraine Wong, the President of the Dorchester Casterbridge Club and Keith Bashford, the President of the Rotary Club of Dorchester have both thanked the people of Dorchester for their generosity.

Lorraine and Keith said: "Both clubs support many local charities and community activities in the town but it is only the continued support and help from the town's residents that make it all possible. Particular thanks are given to the organisations that support Rotary and make this particular charity fundraising possible. They include Wessex FM, Dorset Cereals, Galton Garden Centre and Beauchamps."

Chance to nominate young volunteers for local awards

NOMINATIONS are sought for a special award for young people in West Dorset who give their time to help others.

The Chairman's Awards - Young Volunteer Champions 2013 - is run by West Dorset District Council and aims to recognise the unpaid voluntary work done by young people and youth groups.

Gillian Summers, West Dorset District Council Chairman, said: "This is an opportunity to nominate a young person or youth group who has really made a difference to their community and to celebrate all the work that they have done. Volunteering is such a beneficial thing to

do. It can lead to all sorts of opportunities including employment.

"If there is a young person or community group who voluntarily gives up their time and really makes a difference, then please nominate them for a Young Volunteer Champions award."

Nominations are open until Friday, February 15th.

The categories for nomination are:
Junior Young Champion - an individual 12 years or under; Young Community Champion - an individual aged 13 - 18 years; Senior Young Champion - an individual aged 19 - 25

years and Youth Group Champion - any young people's voluntary or community group

The award ceremony will be held at South Walks House, Dorchester on Friday, March 15th where each young champion winner will receive a small cash prize and a framed certificate.

Nomination forms are available at West Dorset District Council's main offices, tourist information centres in West Dorset, town council offices and

www.dorsetforyou.com/youngchampion
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20 years of enjoying flowers to be celebrated with five-day festival

OWERMOIGNE Flower Club is planning a five-day event later in the year to celebrate its 20th annual festival.

Held at Athelhampton House the event will have the title - "The Roaring 20's".

Most of the club's members will take part in helping, using tips and training gleaned from club meetings to produce displays for the house and gardens. Over the years the club has collected over £17,250 for local charities from the annual flower festival. This year the charity collection is for The Dorset Kidney Fund.

Owermoigne Flower Club was formed in 1979 as a side shoot to the Owermoigne Horticultural Society for members who

wanted to learn more about arranging flowers. The group meet in Owermoigne Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month and have a membership of about 60 with a catchment of about a 20 mile radius from Owermoigne.

Club meetings include floral demonstrations by professionals and members, to visiting speakers, organised visits to gardens and flower shows, club competitions and very popular workshops. Members often decorate their village churches and halls for festivals and weddings. The club also puts on displays at the Dorset Arts and Crafts Exhibition and the Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival.

End of support for free early buses

SUPPORT for free bus travel for pensioners before 9.30am in West Dorset is to stop in April.

West Dorset District Council has decided to end its subsidy for the service - but will put money aside to help those who need to travel for medical and other important appointments.

To continue full support for the scheme was estimated to cost £46,000 a year.

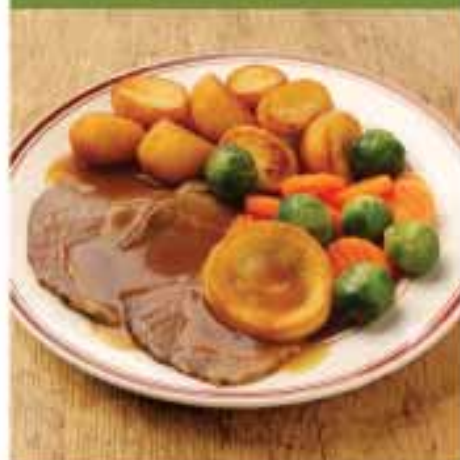
Councillors heard that for those living in towns and villages where the next bus was after 10.30am would still be entitled to ride for free before 9.30am.

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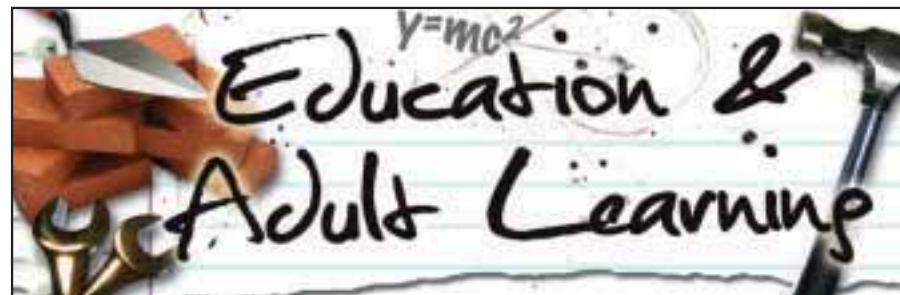
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Community lunches

DATES have been set for the Dorchester Area Community Lunches for the first half of the year.

The event, usually held at the Dorford Centre, is aimed at those who work for community organisations, and takes place between 12.15pm and 1.45pm, with a simple meal costing £4 per person. Magna Housing Association sponsor the meetings. Dates set for the months ahead are: Thursday, March 7th and Thursday, June 13th.

Church café

THE FIRST Crossways Church Café of the New Year is being held this Saturday, 26th between 10am and noon at the Crossways Youth and Community Centre. Homemade cakes, coffee and tea, a jigsaw library, cards and sundries will all be available during the morning.

More details are available by calling 01305 852004.

Museum future

THE FUTURE of the Dorset County Museum will be the subject of a talk at Poundbury tomorrow evening.

Director, Dr Jon Murden, will be talking about the past and future of the institution at the Brownsword Hall on Friday 25th at 7.30pm.

Tickets, which cost £3.50, are available in advance from Stitchinghouse Design in Pummary Square and the Poundbury Garden Centre. If available, they can also be bought on the door.

Meet the police

DORCHESTER police are inviting residents to meet them at the County Hospital restaurant tomorrow, Friday 25th.

Members of the local policing team and representatives from the Police And Community Together (PACT) panel will be at the Damers Restaurant between 1 and 2pm.

The team can also be reached by calling the non-emergency police number, 101 or on their mobile: 07500 816290.

Residents asked to remember the Holocaust

A LUNCHTIME event to remember the horrors of racial hatred is being held in Dorchester tomorrow, Friday 25th.

Holocaust Memorial Day will be marked in the Corn Exchange from 12.30 until 1.30pm.

The South West Dorset Multi Cultural Network organised event is free and will be attended by local councillors, network members, local schools and local organisations. It is also open to the public.

The lunchtime session will include art work and readings from a local school, and some short talks and music from network members.

The theme: "Building a Bridge, Communities Together" provides an opportunity to listen to and consider some of the experiences of those who experienced the Holocaust and



HARRY Grenville from Dorchester, who was the key speaker at the 2012 event. Harry talked very movingly last year about how he came to live in the UK as a young boy following Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) in November 1938 when German and Austrian Nazis smashed 7,500 Jewish stores.

subsequent genocides.

The event will conclude with a lighting of candles, and a minute's silence. Refreshments will be served from noon.

Anne Marie Vincent, chairman of the network, said: "We are looking forward to coming together to remember victims of the Holocaust and those whose lives have been affected by exclusion and hatred in subsequent genocides".

Sue Bickle, Equality and Com-

munity Development Officer for West Dorset District Council added: "The council are delighted to support the South West Dorset Multicultural Network in facilitating this important event, which is being replicated across the UK. These events remind us of the terrible consequences that can arise, not from deliberate action on our behalf, but through a failure to speak up for that which we know to be right".



SUPPORTERS of the Multi Cultural Network Holocaust Day at Dorchester Corn Exchange in 2012. From left - Equality and Diversity Officer Sue Bickle; Network chair Anne-Marie Vincent; Barbara Cohen; Community Development Officer Emma Scott; Brian Wood; former Mayoress of Weymouth and Portland Mary Jordan-Winter, and Dorothy Wood

Successful year for sustainability group

DORSET Agenda 21 has had "a year of success and some positive developments" according to acting chairman Andrew Barker.

He told the annual meeting in Dorchester at the weekend that the group's finances had stabilised and it was about to play an active part in a £1million project around climate change and sustainable living in Dorchester, Bridport and surrounding areas.

"We have worked collaboratively during the year with other organisations, notable Dorset Community Action and Dorset County Council and we are now addressing some key issues about our future role," he said.

During the year the organisation had made five bids for funding - three of these successfully which, he said, had resulted in some positive change around sustainability.

Mr Barker said that the organisation was seeking to recruit more trustees to join the existing board of six - Dominic Murphy, Mark Worcester, Beryl Ezzard, Kate Forrester, Judy Edwards and himself.

He thanked previous chair Perwina Whitmore for serving the organisation for more than four years before stepping down.

"Our thanks are extended to Perwina for her firm leadership and wisdom in hold-

ing the organisation together and guiding it through a very difficult period in its development."

He also praised Susan Anders and Paul McIntosh for their success with the BASIS project and to others who he said supported and enhanced the reputation of DA21 as a sustainability organisation. "There are a small number of people and a small number of volunteers who are incredibly active and keep things going."

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Community orchestra

ORGANISERS say they have had a high level of interest in the first meeting of a new Community Orchestra for Dorchester.

The event is being held on Sunday, February 24 in the Dorchester Arts Centre at 3pm.

Players of all ages and standards are welcome and the organisers are hoping for as wide a variety of orchestral instruments as possible.

To register an interest, or for more information contact Dorchester Arts on 01305 266926 or email enquiries@dorchesterarts.org.uk

The new orchestra is being supported by Dorchester Arts and Dorset Rural Music School.

Haggis for Burns night

A CELEBRATION of Burns is being held at St George's Church Hall this weekend.

The traditional event, on Sunday 26th from 6.30pm, will include the presentation of the haggis and Scottish dancing.

Participants are welcome to bring their own bottle to the event, which costs £8, in advance by calling 01305 250638.

Tartan accessories and dress will be welcome.

Seascape art talk

GWEN Yarker, who was honoured in the new year list, will be talking about a Dorset-born artist, famous for his seascapes at the County Museum tonight (January 24th).

Her talk: "John Everett: The Slade School – Sailing Ships and the Open Sea" will start at 7.30pm although the doors will be open from 6.30pm for pre-talk refreshments.

Everett, who knew Thomas Hardy, is rated as one of the most important painters of his type in the 20th century.

The talk is free but a donation of £3 towards the upkeep of the museum is encouraged.

Exhibition proceeds to support wildlife

by Trevor Bevins
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AN EXHIBITION by two Dorset artists has raised £2,000 for the county's wildlife.

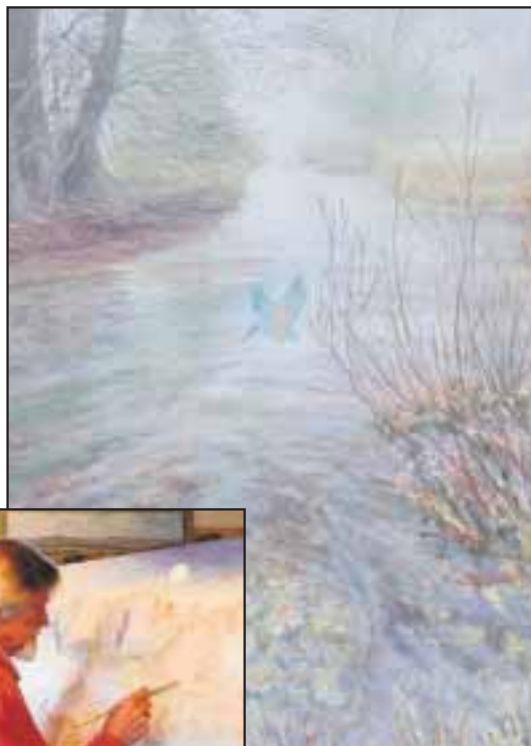
The money was donated to the Dorset Wildlife Trust by sculptor Sally Derrick and painter Adrian Whittlesea following their 'Living with Landscape' exhibition of works featuring birds, animals and landscape at Southover House in Tolpuddle.

Adrian Whittlesea studied at the Ruskin School of Fine Art in Oxford and has been a professional artist for much of his working life, including 15 years in art education and is now based in Dorset. He works in a wide range of media, from charcoal, pencil, watercolour to gouache and acrylic.

Sally Derrick, who lives in West Dorset, has been sculpting since the 1980s and has exhibited widely, including at the Royal West of England Academy. She has her own wildlife friendly garden.

Fiona Sansom, supporter development manager at Dorset Wildlife Trust, said: "We are very grateful for the generosity of both artists and also Mr and Mrs Michael Slocock, who are kindly opening their beautiful house especially for this exhibition."

"Living with Landscape reflects our vision to restore living landscapes across Dorset and the money raised will be used to protect wildlife so that we can all continue to be inspired by this special county."



■ **ADRIAN Whittlesea** (left) with his painting *Kingfisher* and fellow artist **Sally Derrick** (above right) with her *Vixen* sculpture. Together the two artists raised £2,000 for the Dorset Wildlife Trust



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New Jazz Café Programme announced for Bridport Arts Centre



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THE monthly Jazz Café nights at Bridport Arts Centre have been going from strength to strength since they began two years ago. This season promises a wide variety of top class acts.

Following Ben Waters' sell out Christmas performance, and vocalist Louise Parker's performance on January 18th, Friday 22nd February sees Bob Hall bringing his own distinctive take on boogie woogie to the Arts Centre. Critically acknowledged as Britain's finest blues and boogie pianist, Bob first came to fame in the rhythm 'n' blues explosion of the sixties, as a founder member of The Groundhogs. He has played with many of the greats including Alexis Korner, Spencer Davis, John Lee Hooker, Howlin' Wolf and Chuck Berry. He appears with Hilary Blythe who provides crystal-clear vocals and rock-steady bass.

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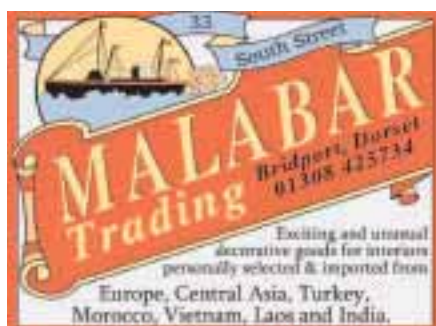
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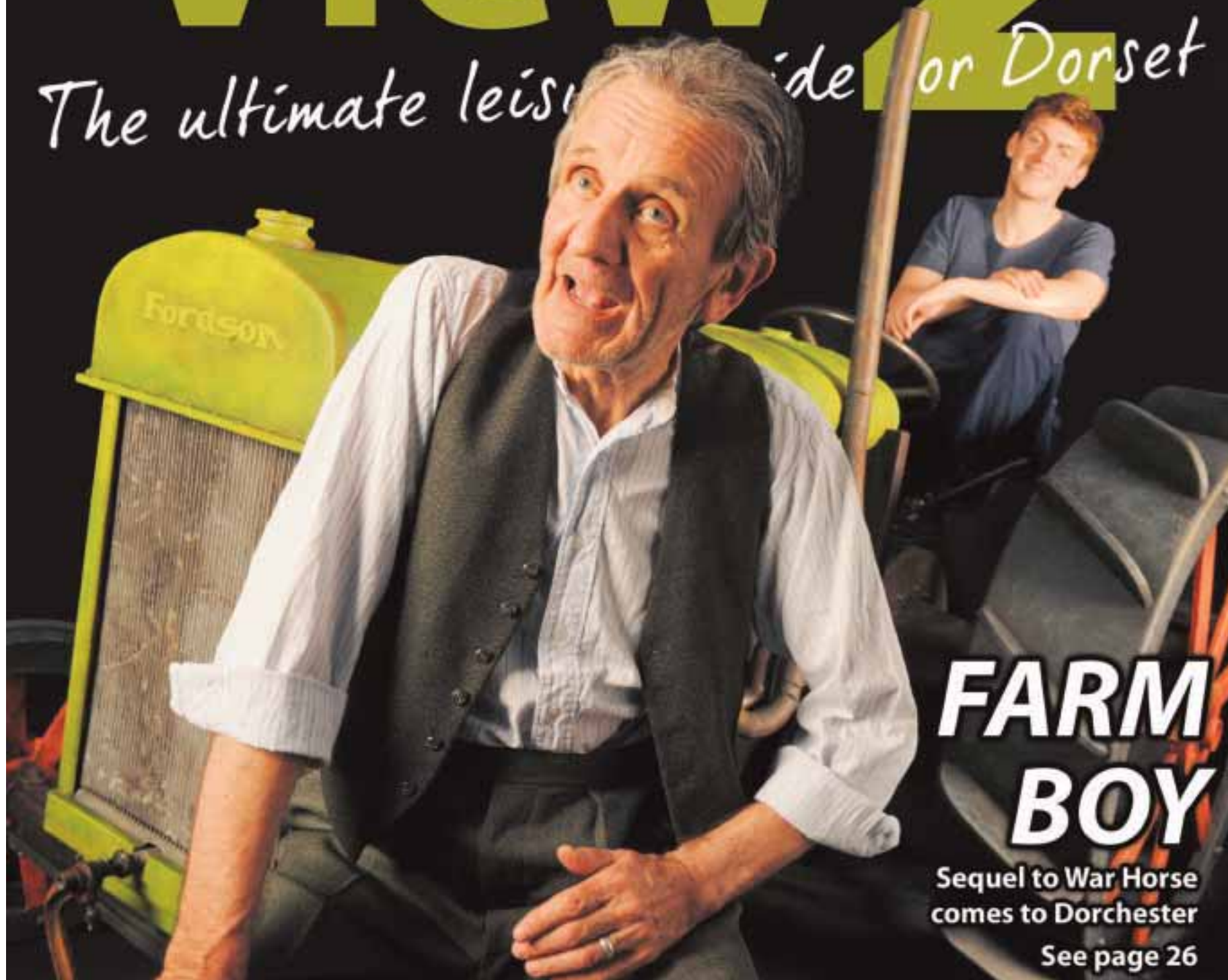
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War Horse sequel comes to Dorchester

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The compelling sequel to his much-loved novel, film and West End theatre smash War Horse, Michael Morpurgo's Farm Boy is a moving account of the changing face of the English countryside and a beautifully crafted reminder that stories really can reach out across the generations. It explores the bonds linking grandfather to grandson and both generations to the land.

Daniel Buckroyd, who directed and adapted the play, said: "Farm Boy is the only sequel that Michael Morpurgo has ever written, picking up the story of Joey and Albert from War Horse and bringing it right up to date in the company of Albert's son, now in his late seventies, and great grandson, down visiting his grandfather on the farm that's been in his family for over a hundred years. It's a funny touching tale

about four generations of one family, about tractors versus horses, and above all about the transformational power of stories and storytelling."

Michael Morpurgo OBE is one of the UK's best-loved authors and storytellers. He helped to establish the post of Children's Laureate with the poet Ted Hughes, and was the third person to hold the position, from 2003 to 2005. He has written over 120 books for which he has won numerous prizes.

Farm Boy is suitable for children over seven years, but is also perfect for adults

who want to see a magical story brought to life with drama, storytelling and music.

Tickets are available from: Dorchester Arts Centre 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk priced £12 or £10 for members and concessions.

This production is part of Dorchester Arts exciting new spring season of drama kindly supported by Battens Solicitors through its Charitable Trust. For details of the rest of our drama this season see www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

WAR HORSE SEQUEL | Michael Morpurgo's Farm Boy comes to Dorchester



Dorset Poets at Home and Abroad

THIS February Bridport Arts Centre is hosting a mid-morning poetry event that will take you on a journey from Dorset to Moorish Spain.

John Kemp, Chris Prideaux and David Bushrod will be returning to read another varied selection of Dorset poetry, including classical poems by Thomas Hardy and contemporary humour by Bonny Sartin. John will read from his various books of Dorset poetry, Chris will concentrate on humour and David will read from his most recent book Sevilliana which creates a vivid impression of Andalusia and Moorish Spain.

They will be joined by Elaine Beckett, winner of the Dorset Prize (2012). Elaine, who has a background in music and film, joined a poetry writing class

in the village of Cattistock, taught by Annie Freud in 2009. Elaine's poems reached the shortlist of the Bridport Prize in 2010 and 2011. She has contributed poems to the Ty Nwydd anthology Taking Tea with Taliesin. She will be reading a selection of her work including For Roy.

David Bushrod said: "We very much enjoyed the last reading and noticed how much people enjoyed the humorous and romantic poems, so we hope to include more this time. Particularly romantic poems in view of the date!"

Tickets cost £5 or £4 concessions, and are available online at www.bridport-arts.com or from the BAC box office on 01308 424204.

WINNER | Elaine Becket receiving the Dorset Prize last year



Brain Gym

No.205

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fill the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Sounds like a narrow channel without curves (8)
3. A spot for a vertical descent (4)
5. Not bound to be without change (4)
10. Replacement foot-baller to command group (8)
11. I'd come back with transport for this piece of furniture (5)
12. Remove what was once a religious article (7)
13. They have a spring influence beneath the surface (13)
18. How large towns are populated? (8)
19. A good deal of money on the carpet (4)
20. A place from which to direct what people writers do (7)
21. Clean up the lobby (5)
22. Back coming my way? (4)
23. Her skater is out of place here (8)

Down

2. Twist - or it's no change (7)
3. To declare how old a person is - that's mean (7)
4. Those who are busy doing homework (5-8)
6. A second draft is made when the writer returns north (7)
7. The new trip could be ruined by them (7)
8. Kind of board for securing bricks (8)
13. In a high position to begin with, he's only just made good (7)
14. Drawing a grid differently before morning (7)
15. Go back to do some new sewing, we hear (8)
16. Authorise me to return to governing office (7)
17. They prepare the ground for producing steering devices (7)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Immaculate (8)
3. Dislike (4)
5. Performs (4)
10. Artist's paint boards (8)
11. Drill (3)
12. Protection (7)
13. Make-shift (5,3,5)
18. Correct answer (8)
19. Defect (4)
20. Exhausted (7)
21. Truck (5)
22. Resound (4)
23. Correctly (8)

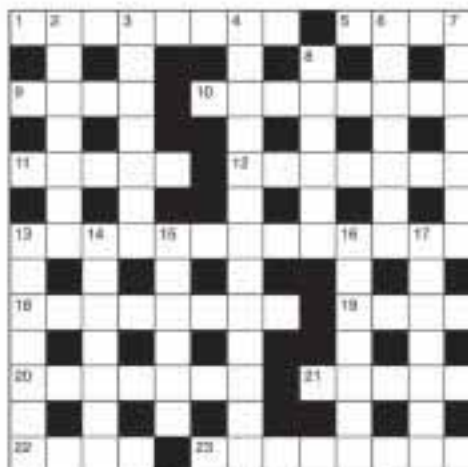
Down

2. Small flute (7)
3. Trying (7)
4. Permanent rule (8,5)
6. Fearful (7)
7. Dominance (7)
8. Young cow (8)
13. Remainder (7)
14. Lat loose (7)
15. Defeating (6)
16. Clasp (7)
17. Plunder (7)



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Depot; 4 Paddle; 9 Plying through; 10 Thirsty; 11 Ister; 12 Agate; 14 Pests; 16 Alone; 18 Cabinet; 21 Pinnopenture; 22 Ether; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Depots; 2 Pinnopenture; 3 Rump; 5 Ailer; 6 Double-angled; 7 Eahon; 8 Stays; 13 The nose; 15 Sample; 16 Screw; 17 Street; 20 Bell. QUICK - Across: 1 Repeat; 4 Danger; 9 Circumference; 10 Proceed; 11 Nurse; 12 Edict; 14 Quail; 18 Oxter; 19 Luxure; 21 Fling cabinet; 22 Direct; 23 Invoke. Down: 1 Radix; 2 Perpendicular; 3 Base; 5 Arrogant; 6 General Franco; 7 Assailed; 8 Offer; 13 Chronic; 15 Dotted; 16 Slack; 17 Glands; 20 Cable.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

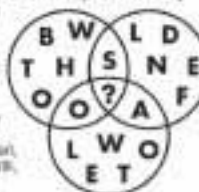
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegam

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is T. Ferrari, Maserati, Bugatti, all sports car manufacturers.



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Bridport Panto Players bring Aladdin alive

THIS year sees the Bridport Pantomime Players return with their 49th Pantomime 'Aladdin'. The story of Aladdin and his lamp is full of magic, mystery and magnificence, and the Players have been busy rehearsing learning all things oriental.

This year sees a new batch of Players take the lead in the form of Amy Wheatley playing the hero Aladdin, Ziggy Gray playing the radiant Princess Mandarin and Roy Bowskill playing the evil Abanazar. Amy started off as a dancer at Bernard Gale's School of Dance, the founder of the Players, and her first experience on stage was as a toddler where she danced as a Dolly Mixture in Aladdin. Who knew that further down the line she would end

up taking the lead role. She went on to be a Butlins Redcoat, before joining Carnival Cruise Lines, then lived in London where she took part in three Pantomimes for Boo Productions.

Ziggy Gray also started at Bernard Gale's and has been in multiple productions locally and nationally. She went on to study at Portsmouth excelling in Creative and Performing Arts. Roy Bowskill makes his Pantomime debut but is no stranger to the stage having performed in various productions including 'Our House', 'Sweet Charity' and most recently 'Nicholas Nickleby'. Anthony Stevenon will be commanding the role of Aladdin's Mum Widow Twankey with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm, which he will need to keep Aladdin and his brother Wishee Washee played by Jess Lives in check.

A huge amount of comedy is provided by the two Chinese Policemen, Who-Dun-Wong played by Steve Light and Who-Dun-Pong, played by Tracey Cadman. The commanding role of The Emperor of China, Princess Mandarin's father, is played by Steve Travers who only wants what's best for his daughter, and he relies on the Princess's handmaiden So-Shy, played by Teresa Grinter, to protect her from the outside world.

Aladdin is aided hugely by The Spirit of the Ring, Sue Farrant, and the Genie of the Lamp, Sarah Light, who are regularly called upon to get him out of scrapes.

The production is supported with



Amy Wheatley as Aladdin

dance numbers from 'The Lyric School of Dancing' under the direction of Teresa Grinter and 'The Rhythm Dance Centre' under the direction of Becky Mather, both of which provide fun, vibrant and animated routines, and of course no pantomime would be complete without the charming toddler class.

With plenty of comedy, colour and chopsticks the pantomime will be at the Electric Palace from Wednesday, February 6th – Saturday, February 9th at 7.30pm nightly, with a matinee on the Thursday 1.30pm and Saturday at 2.00pm. Tickets are available from Bridport's TIC costing £8, with concessions £6.



Ziggy Gray as Princess Mandarin

Break The Chain at 115 Club

TERRY Keyworth (Guitar and Vocals) and Pete Maxfield (Double Bass), a musical pairing like no other, their name; "Double Trouble" says it all. On Thursday, January 17th, Terry and Pete entertained an appreciative audience of diners, performing tracks such as "Halleluia", with a Jazz twist and blues undertones to rapturous applause. This was their third gig at 115 Club, but most certainly, not their last.

Once again 115 Club will host the hot three piece folk, blues and rock trio by the name of 'Break the Chain', on the evening of Thursday, January 31st. Bert Stone, Acacia Ann and Karl Weber mix up different styles on various instruments using varied influences from the likes of Bob Dylan, Etta James and Ray Charles. Last time at 115 Club, Break the Chain performed fabulous tracks, creating an atmosphere that to quote one of the guests "Great music! It was one of the best live shows in my life in a most intimate place I have ever been before" Sunny Park (from Korea).

The performers were brought together by "A mutual love of music, lyrics and live performance". Only having been together since late 2011, they have already established themselves as a group like no other, performing at festivals and events in and around the West Country, to universal acclaim.

Acacia Anne began singing at the age of 16 in and around London. Now with many recorded original songs her voice and guitar make the harmony that is "Break then Chain".

Having toured with Gene- sis, The Cure, The Rolling

Stones, and John Denver, Bert Stone is a fine singer/songwriter with a smooth vocal timbre. He brings acoustic and electric guitar and blues harp to the band.

Karl Weber, born in Detroit, and was playing The Missouri Waltz at the age of four! Today, an accomplished player of many instruments he has shared the stage with most famous musicians.

This promises to be a memorable evening – check out: www.breakthechain.org.uk

Pre-booking for hot buffet dinner (£10 per person) between 7pm and 8pm is essential and guests should telephone on the day (between 2pm and 6pm) to confirm numbers in their party. At which time they will be informed of the cover charge – anticipated at between £5 and £10 per guest. Unfortunately late-comers cannot be accommodated as dining must be completed before the music starts at about 9pm.

The 115 Club's own site at www.115club.com or www.facebook.com/115club



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SATURDAY JANUARY 26TH

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LODERS: Quiz Night and Raffle at Lodgers Village Hall from 7pm. Tables can be reserved by contacting Lesley Lee 01308 420767. Adults £2, children under 16 £1.

MONDAY JANUARY 28TH

BRIDPORT: 'Chesil Bank & Fleet as a Nature Reserve' Talk by Don Moxon, Warden of the Fleet Bridport United Church Hall, East St, Bridport. 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National Trust. All welcome. Admission non-members £3. Includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

BRIDPORT: Folk Dancing Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with guest and club callers, recorded music and occasional live bands. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Mike on 01308 863 552 or Tim on 01308 423 382.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

LYME REGIS: Stompin' Dave Winter Blues with Michael Roach at The Marine Theatre. Tickets cost £10 in advance, available from www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.

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SATURDAY MARCH 2ND

BROADMAYNE: Mike Denham, a fine local solo pianist with an interesting repertoire of music, will perform a Tribute to George Gershwin and Cole Porter, at St Martin's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets: Early discount £6, on the Door £7, from Carol Wightman 01305 854385 and Corner House Stores Broadmayne. For further information: Carol Wightman 01305 854385.

You can email your diary dates to rob@pemedi.co.uk

Curtain rises on drama season sponsored by Battens

THEATRE goers in Dorchester are looking forward to a spring season of drama supported by a leading law firm.

Battens Solicitors, through its charitable trust, is sponsoring a series of shows staged by Dorchester Arts.

The firm, which has an office at High West Street in the town, set up the trust in 1985 to support community initiatives, local charities and other causes.

The Dorchester Arts season features a performance of *Farm Boy*, the sequel to Michael Morpurgo's multi-award-winning *War Horse*, adapted and directed by Daniel Buckroyd and taking place at the Corn Exchange on 6 February.

At the same venue are productions of *Frankenstein* by Cornwall's Miracle Theatre and *The Boy at the Edge of the Room*, a 'fairytale for adults' performed by Forest Forge and inspired by children on the autistic spectrum.

Dorchester Arts Centre will see a performance of Samuel Beckett's classic

one-man show *Krapp's Last Tape* starring Last of the Summer Wine actor Tom Owen.

Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director, Dorchester Arts, said: "Through their support for us, Battens Solicitors' charitable trust are helping us bring top flight contemporary theatre to local audiences. Without this kind of arts and business sponsorship it would be so much more difficult to stage performances by leading companies, actors and writers."

Christine Butterfield, Dorchester-based Solicitor in Battens' Wills, Estates and Trusts Department, said: "The spring season includes some amazing drama. It's fabulous to be supporting live theatre here in Dorchester."

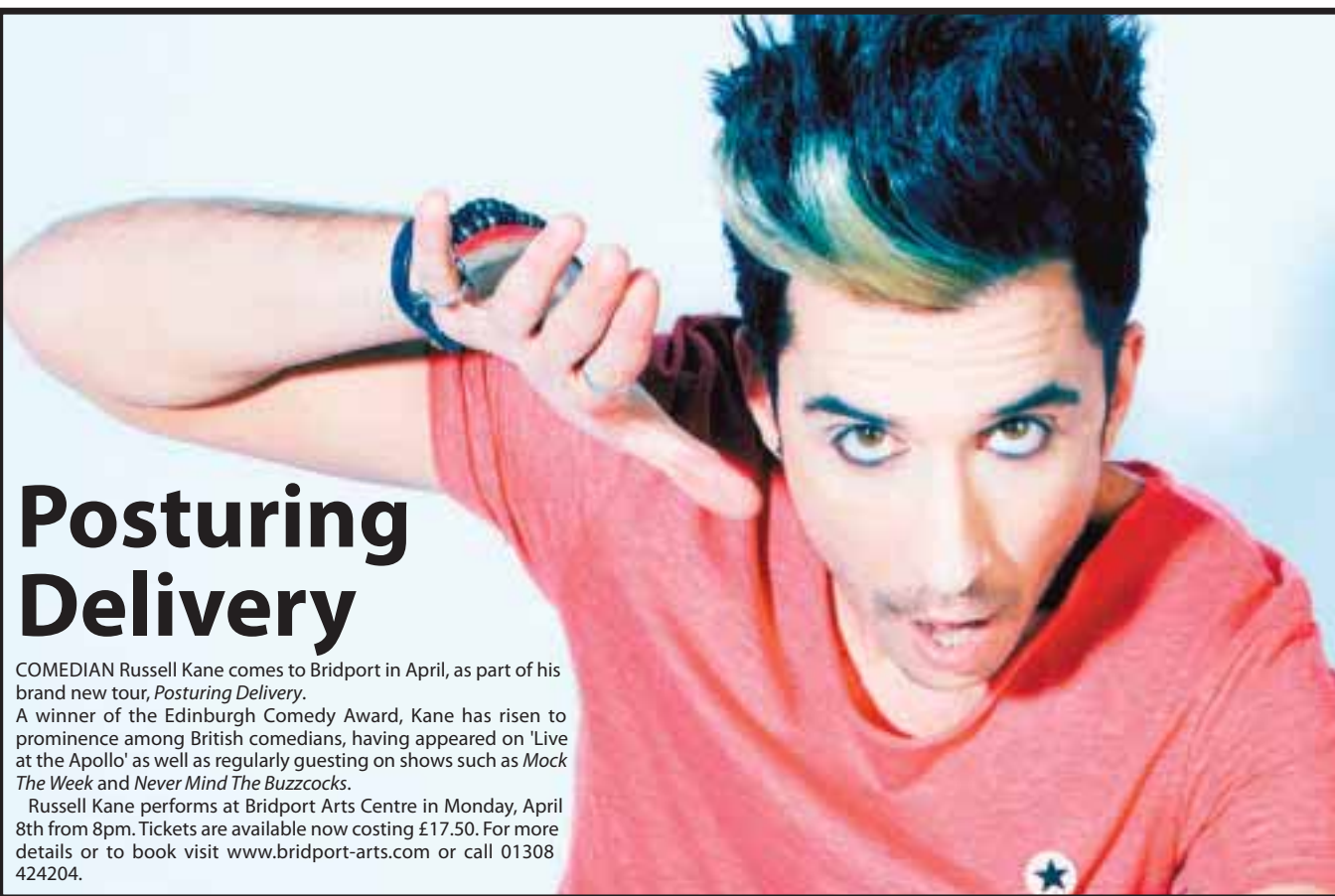
Also through its charitable trust, Battens is supporting the 2013 family activities programme at Dorset County Museum in Dorchester. The sponsorship will enable more families to bring along children free of charge.

Battens' charitable trust is part of the firm's ongoing strategy for community engagement and corporate social responsibility.

As well as sponsorship and fundraising initiatives, staff members work in a range of voluntary roles in schools, charities, sports clubs and other organisations.



SETTING THE STAGE | Christine Butterfield (far right) and Trudy Braithwaite from Battens Solicitors with Mark Tattersall, Artistic Director of Dorchester Arts.



Posturing Delivery

COMEDIAN Russell Kane comes to Bridport in April, as part of his brand new tour, *Posturing Delivery*.

A winner of the Edinburgh Comedy Award, Kane has risen to prominence among British comedians, having appeared on 'Live at the Apollo' as well as regularly guesting on shows such as *Mock The Week* and *Never Mind The Buzzcocks*.

Russell Kane performs at Bridport Arts Centre in Monday, April 8th from 8pm. Tickets are available now costing £17.50. For more details or to book visit www.bridport-arts.com or call 01308 424204.

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Mike Denham's SpeakEasy Night

WELL known jazz clarinetist Mike Snelling will be the special guest of local pianist Mike Denham at the next SpeakEasy Night at Dorset County Museum on Friday, January 25th at 8pm.

Mike Snelling took up clarinet at ten years of age, studied it for 6 years and then heard someone performing "Sweet Georgia Brown". He switched his attention to the world of jazz! A delightful personality and long-time Dorset resident, Mike has worked with some of the world's finest players, and in recent years was a full-time member of the Chris Barber Band. Prepare to hear some mesmerising playing, influenced by the likes of Ed Hall, Artie Shaw, Archie Semples, Omer Simeon, Benny Goodman and Coleman Hawkins.

A highly recommended pre-show supper may optionally be booked. To book call 01305 262 735.



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Lincoln ^{12A}

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Sun: 13.25

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20.00

Monsters, Inc 3D ^U

Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.00,

Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.15

Quartet ^{12A}

Daily: 13.30

The Impossible ^{12A}

Daily: 14.40, 21.00

Life Of Pi ^{PG}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00, 18.15, 21.15

Sat & Sun: 15.15, 18.15, 21.15

The Last Stand ¹⁵

Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.30, 18.10, 20.50

Sat & Sun: 12.50, 15.30, 18.10,

20.50

Zero Dark Thirty ¹⁵

Daily: 13.30, 17.00, 20.30

Lincoln ^{12A}

Daily: 13.00, 16.20, 19.45

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift ^U

Sat: 10.15am

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most

Wanted ^{PG} Sat: 10.30am

Movie 43 ¹⁵

Daily: 16.00, 18.20, 20.40

plus Sat & Sun: 13.00

Paranorman ^{PG}

Sat: 10.00am

Parental Guidance ^U

Sat & Sun: 10.45am

Rise Of The Guardians ^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 11.00am

The Hobbit: An Unexpected

Journey ^{12A}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 17.20,

Sat & Sun: 11.00, 17.20

Tinkerbell and the Secret of the

Wings ^U

Sat & Sun: 10.50am

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This week's big screen releases

LINCOLN ^{12A}

IN 1865, as the American Civil War winds inexorably toward conclusion, U.S. president Abraham Lincoln endeavours to achieve passage of the landmark constitutional amendment which will forever ban slavery from the United States. However, his task is a race against time, for peace may come at any time, and if it comes before the amendment is passed, the returning southern states will stop it before it can become law. Lincoln must, by almost any means possible, obtain enough votes from a recalcitrant Congress before peace arrives and it is too late. Yet the president is torn, as an early peace would save thousands of lives. As the nation confronts its conscience over the freedom of its entire population, Lincoln faces his own crisis of conscience -- end slavery or end the war.

Stars Daniel Day-Lewis in the title role, Sally Field, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, and Tommy Lee Jones.



ZERO DARK THIRTY ¹⁵

MAYA is a CIA operative whose first experience is in the interrogation of prisoners following the Al Qaeda attacks against the U.S. on the 11th September 2001. She is a reluctant participant in extreme duress applied to the detainees, but believes that the truth may only be obtained through such tactics. For several years, she is single-minded in her pursuit of leads to uncover the whereabouts of Al Qaeda's leader, Osama Bin Laden. Finally, in 2011, it appears that her work will pay off, and a U.S. Navy SEAL team is sent to kill or capture Bin Laden. But only Maya is confident Bin Laden is where she says he is.

Stars Jessica Chastain, Joel Edgerton and Chris Pratt.



MOVIE 43 ¹⁵

A SERIES of interconnected short films follows three kids as they search the depths of the Internet to find the most banned movie in the world.

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THE LAST STAND ¹⁵

SHERIFF Owens (Arnold Schwarzenegger) is a man who has resigned himself to a life of fighting what little crime takes place in sleepy border town Sommerton Junction. Owens is in the town after leaving his LAPD post following a bungled operation that left him wracked with failure and defeat after his partner was crippled.

After a spectacular escape from an FBI prisoner convoy, the most notorious, wanted drug kingpin in the hemisphere is hurtling toward the border at 200 mph in a specially outfitted car with a hostage and a fierce army of gang members. He is headed, it turns out, straight for Sommerton Junction, where the whole of U.S. law enforcement will have their last opportunity to make a stand and intercept him before he slips across the border forever. At first reluctant to become involved, and then counted out because of the perceived ineptitude of his small town force, Owens ultimately accepts responsibility for the face off.

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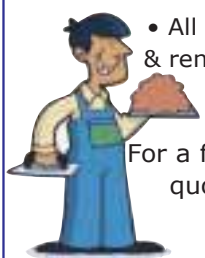
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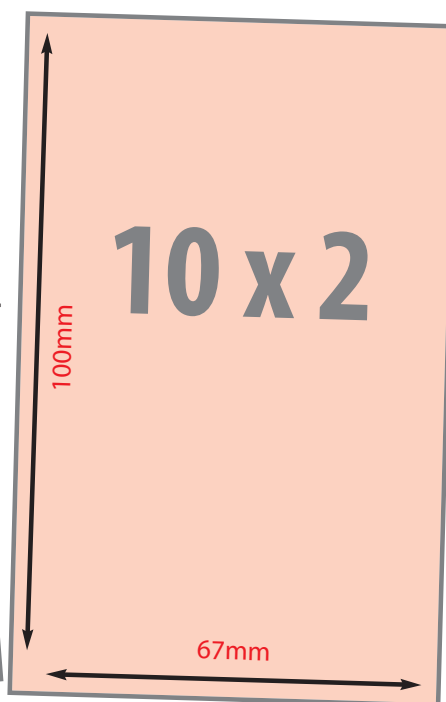
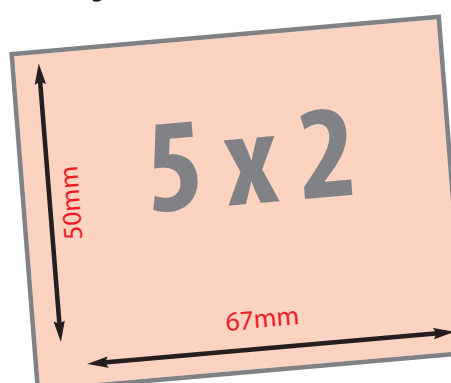
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Two trim levels come to market: S Copa and SE Copa. Based on standard S and SE specifications respectively, their introduction also brings about a simplification of the Altea line-up: 'S Emocion' trim has been deleted from the range, along with the 1.4 85 PS and 1.4 TSI 125 PS petrol engines.

What remain are the most appealing Altea and Altea XL ranges ever offered. Both comprise S, S Copa, SE and SE Copa trims, and three engines: 1.2 TSI 105 PS, 1.6 TDI 105 PS, and 2.0 TDI 140 PS. DSG automatic is available as an option on either of the diesel engines.

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The specific equipment highlights of the S Copa and SE Copa editions are as follows:

S Copa

In addition to the standard S specification, S Copa adds 16-inch 'Elio' alloy wheels; a Bluetooth communi-

cation package including hands-free phone connection, steering wheel-mounted controls and two additional stereo speakers; dual-zone climate control; front fog lights with cornering function; cruise control; passenger seat height adjustment.

In total, that equipment has a recommended retail price of approximately £1,500, and it comes at no extra cost.

SE Copa

The already well-specified SE trim level is joined by the hugely impressive SEAT Media System 2.2 in SE Copa versions of the Altea and Altea XL. SEAT Media 2.2 incorporates satellite navigation, an SD card reader for music playback, a DAB digital radio tuner, Bluetooth hands-free phone operation and audio streaming, and a multi-function driver's display, all controlled via a five-inch colour touch screen.

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"The Copa editions of the Altea and Altea XL really are no-brainers for the customer. After all, who doesn't like to get something for nothing?" said SEAT UK Product Manager James Buckell.

"But we haven't just added lots of equipment to the cars for the sake of it. Instead, we've listened to what our buyers really want and only added equipment that's of real use and value.

"It's for that same reason that we've simplified the range, giving customers a clear choice, with great value and low running costs assured on every model," he added.

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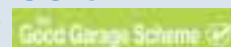
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- Hyundai's best-selling car continues winning ways

THE Hyundai i10 1.2 Classic has been chosen as a 'Best Buy' city car for cars under £9,000, reinforcing its credentials as one of the standout performers in the segment.

Chas Hallett, Editor-in-chief at What Car?, said: "Buyers at this end of the market want value for money above all else, and that's something that the Hyundai i10 provides in spades. Despite the bar-

gain price, the i10 is actually one of the sweetest-driving city cars there is. It has an impressive balance of ride comfort and cornering ability, which makes it feel very grown-up compared with most rivals. The i10 is also impressively practical for a city car, with decent space for four adults, great access to the cabin and a reasonable boot that can be extended by folding

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The Hyundai i10 was the manufacturer's best-selling model in 2012 with sales in excess of 23,000 units for the year – a 13.5% increase on 2011. Furthermore, it was the second-best-selling car in the A-segment behind the Fiat 500 yet still outselling other mainstream offerings like the Ford Ka and VW Up.

Tony Whitehorn, President and CEO, Hyundai Motor UK, said: "We are delighted that the i10 has been recognised

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MAGPIES AND TERRAS REPORTS

Four-goal Magpies back to winning ways

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ASHLEY Nicholls' first half goal saw Dorchester get back to winning ways after a winless run of eight games in all competitions culminating in an abysmal 4-0 home defeat to Bromley the previous week.

The victory which lifted the Magpies out of the relegation zone could and maybe should have been bigger considering the chances and territorial advantage that they held over a Dover Athletic side who despite placed third in the Blue Square Conference were trying to arrest a four game losing sequence.

With a shortage of strikers, Magpies manager Phil Simkin opted to play Charlie Clough in an advanced position to give Ben Watson support, and it was the former Bristol Rovers midfielder that set up the only goal of the game on 17 minutes.

Clough receiving the ball from a throw-in close to the right hand corner, cut along the byeline before pulling the ball back into the path of Nicholls who drove a firm angled drive under Whites' keeper Mitch Walker.

Clough made his mark after a bright opening from Dover that saw Ricky Modeste threaten when he pounced on a misplaced pass and was heading for goal before Jake Smeeton's timely tackle stopped him in his tracks and left him hobbling.

However, Dorchester soon got on top and 'keeper Alan Walker-Harris, making his first appearance in almost a year after breaking his leg against Dartford, sent a long ball down field that Clough chased before squaring across the six-yard box, but unfortunately there was no one there to convert.

Midway through the half, following Nicholls opener, Nick Crittenden had a great chance to double the lead when Walker who had trouble with his clearances all evening, kicked the ball to him some 35 yards from goal.

Unfortunately by the time the former Glover had the ball under control, Walker had recovered and was able to palm down his attempted shot on goal before gathering it.

Dorchester dominated the play without really threatening goal with Smeeton and Neil Martin linking up well down the left, whilst Walker-Harris had the perfect game to return to action with hardly anything to do as the Magpies once again looked dominant at the back following some uncharacteristic errors in the last few games.

Watson's experience and robust style is a handful for most defenders despite them generally being several inches taller, and Whites defender Danny Webb's frustration finally boiled over when he was booked for dissent two minutes before the interval after kicking the ball away following a foul on the former Exeter City player.

From Nicholls' superbly flighted free-kick, Arran Pugh's header was deflected just over the angle of the goal frame for a corner.

A minute later he was just off target again with a fierce header from Martin's free-kick that whistled inches wide of the post.

Modeste almost punished Dorchester at the start of the second half when he made space for himself inside the penalty area, and it took a superb block from skipper Mark Jermy to prevent him equalising.

Watson might have done better at the other end when he had time from Martin's corner but he mistimed his volley into



■ THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT: Supporters Club member Janet Gill hands over a cheque for £2,000 to Dorchester Town FC directors (from left): Matt Bradley, chairman Shaun Hearn, Adam Robertson and David Diaz

the ground.

He then broke down the left before playing Jamie Gleeson in. He unfortunately got the ball stuck under his feet, and when he returned the ball to Watson he failed to get a clean shot on goal.

Despite having little to do, Walker-Harris showed he had lost none of his skills on the hour when he brilliantly parried Barry Bricknell's shot at point blank range that took a wicked deflection of a defender.

Webb, son of former Chelsea star David Webb, finally lost his cool with a scything tackle on Watson that earned him a second yellow card and an early bath on 74 minutes.

Dorchester saw out the final minutes without too problem to the relief of all the Dorchester camp who must be hoping this is the win to set them back on course again.

A relieved Simkin said: "I thought we thoroughly deserved the win and we wanted it more than they did. It was a really good all-round performance.

"Three points in this league this season is massive, and the result sets us up for the games to come. I'm just relieved to see the players getting back to what they were doing in August and September in terms of organisation and work rate.

"I thought our back four were excellent and I was very pleased for Alan Walker-Harris.

"Ben Watson never stopped running; I don't know how he does it quite frankly.

Commenting on his decision selecting Walker-Harris over Jason Matthews, he said: "It was not an easy decision for me to make. It was very, very difficult. Maybe one of the most difficult I've ever made I think.

"People can say it was justified or it wasn't but at the end of the day it's my neck on the block and I have to make decisions I think are right.

"Jason's got a slight pull anyway and it would have been silly to have pushed him into it and I thought that Alan deserved a chance."

Simkin was also full of praise for Clough who was voted man of the match, and set up Nicholls winning goal.

"Charlie played in midfield for Bristol Rovers so it's not new to him. Perhaps that far forward is, but I thought he caused Dover a lot of problems. For our goal he ran from just in front of me to the far corner to get that cross in.

"He's a very accomplished footballer and he proved that. He thoroughly deserved the man of the match award."

Supporters Club 'Cautiously optimistic'

TERRY Spracklen, Chairman of Dorchester Town FC Supporters Club said he was optimistically cautious following the announcement of plans for the club to become a Community Trust.

Asked what difference the change would make to his organisation he said: "It's business as normal. We just raise funds for whoever is running the club, it doesn't make any difference to us; we just provide and raise funds for the operational side of running a football team.



■ CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC: DTSC's Terry Spracklen

"I think we have to be cautiously optimistic, and I can see the worry some people might have that without a single benefactor, would the club be able to raise enough money to perform at the high level that we are used to.

"If the money isn't there from a benefactor what alternatives are there?

"As long as everyone can work together and raise enough money to run the team at the level we are used to, or being ambitious and looking forward at maybe Premier Conference level as well, there won't be a worry.

"I understand there are benefits to being a Community Trust with regards to reduced or even no business rates as well as reductions on utilities; electricity and gas; which hopefully will help to cover some of the loss of a benefactor.

"I think the main worry for the majority of the fans is we may be forced to play at a lower level if we can't raise the funds, but everyone you speak to that is part of the trust is very enthusiastic about the idea and the model."

The Supporters Club presented the Football Club with a cheque for £2,000 before the home game against Dover Athletic last week, the proceeds from a variety of fundraising activities held throughout the season, and another donation will be made at the end of the campaign.

When asked whether, with an average home crowd of 400-500 and dwindling since the FA Cup run, would it be difficult to raise additional funds to cover the shortfall caused by Shaun Hearn and previous benefactors financial input, Spracklen said: "Dwindling gates are certainly a cause for concern and baffling, and what the club can do to bring them back is a mystery.

"At present we rely on income from such things as the draw at home matches but we are drawing on the same people, and with dwindling gates, this cuts our profit.

"However the Supporters Club will continue to raise funds for the club regardless of the situation."

Brakes too strong for Terras

Weymouth 0 Leamington 4

LEAMINGTON showed just why they are favourites to win the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League when they swept Weymouth aside with a powerful second hand display.

The Terras had done well to hold the Brakes to a goalless first half, showing why they themselves are just outside the play-off places, but the visitor's leapfrogged Hemel Hempstead Town to take a two point lead at the top with three games in hand, as new signing Stefan Moore, the former Aston Villa forward bagged a brace.

With captain Scott Walker sidelined with a knee injury, Kyle Critchell was the only change to the side that drew with Chippenham Town.

Manager Brendon King expected a stern challenge and he got it from a side that have only tasted defeat four times this season.

Both sides cancelled each other out in the opening half until just before the break when Stefan Moore showed how dangerous he can be; first forcing Terras' keeper Simon Evans to turn a shot over the bar before firing over the top as Evans closed him down.

The game remained even until just after the hour when after some neat interplay down the left as they probed for an opening, Lee Moore held off Ashley Wells to pull the ball back from the byline for Richard Batchelor to sweep high into the net from eight yards.

Three minutes later a long ball out of defence saw Lee Moore hold off Sam Poole, and when Wells and Ed Palmer came to help, he squared the ball to give the unmarked Stefan Moore an easy chance.

Ben Joyce had a chance when set up by Dan Smith but fired wide before Stefan Moore put the result beyond doubt when another long ball caught the Terras back four square.

He teased Poole as he bore down on goal before checking and firing in a vicious shot from an acute angle, high into the far side of the net.

Lee Moore wrapped it up five minutes from time when he fired home a 20-yard free-kick into Evans' top corner.

King said: "We were disappointed to lose after holding them for an hour and up until then there had been very little between the two sides.

"We thought it was going to be pretty tight in the second-half, but unfortunately they got the first goal which put us on the back foot.

"We had to come out and try and get something out of the game but I have to put my hands up and say we weren't good enough. Sometimes you have to give the other side credit, and they were the better than us on the day.

"It gives us something to aspire to we know how far we are away and how much work we have to do."

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West Dorset Club C	13	9	1	3	0	64
West Dorset Club A	12	7	0	5	0	53
Colliton Cons	12	8	0	4	0	48
Trinity Gooduns	12	5	1	6	0	47
Purbeck Potters	12	5	0	7	0	45
Trinity M	11	6	1	4	0	44
Colliton XQ2012	13	6	0	7	0	41
Trinity Express	12	5	1	6	0	40
Colliton Hopefuls	12	4	0	8	0	37
Colliton Club B	10	6	0	4	0	36
WDC Whipping Boys	13	3	0	10	0	30

Team Open Knockout Cup

Semi-finals: West Dorset Club A 3 West Dorset Club C 4, Purbeck Potters v Colliton Cons (at Trinity Club - February 4th).

Team Open Handicap Cup

Semi-finals: Colliton Cons v West Dorset Club C (at Trinity Club - January 21st), Trinity Express v Trinity M (at Trinity Club, January 28th).

Rearranged league games

Colliton Hopefuls v Purbeck Potters (Wednesday, February 27th), West Dorset Club A v Trinity M (to finish 4-1), Trinity M v Colliton Club B (to finish 3-2).

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Weds Div 1	Pld	Pts	Weds Div 4	Pld	Pts
Finns A	7	88	Workies	7	105
New Inn A	7	76	Duke of Albany	7	101
Southill A	6	69	Somerset	6	77
Muppet Mashers	6	67	Admiral Hardy A	6	65
Weatherbury	7	66	John Gregory	7	62
Sailors Return	7	60	Lounge Bar B	7	61
Admiral Hardy B	7	57	Prince of Wales	7	61
Lounge Bar A	7	52	Wellington	7	44

Weds Div 2	Pld	Pts	Sunday Div 1	Pld	Pts
Railway Tavern B	6	79	Rafas Red Arrows	6	76
Snookes Spa	6	69	Snookes Cowboys	6	68
Railway D Boys	6	63	Lucky Losers	5	55
George A	5	54	New Inn A	5	53
Railway Tavern A	6	53	Lounge Bar	5	50
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New Inn B	6	73	Finns B	7	84
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Southill B	6	69	Duke of Albany	7	66
Finns Why's	6	69	Finns C	7	61
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Railway Tavern C	6	19	Waterloo	6	34

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Railway B	13	16	Black Dog	13	12	12
Victoria	13	15	Rodwell A	13	11	11
Lugger	13	15	Star	13	10	10
Rodwell C	13	14	Weatherbury	13	10	10
Wellington	13	14	Wyke Smugglers	13	10	10
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Chapelhay	13	14				

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	Pld	Pts (F)	Pts (A)	+/-	180s
The Yars Yars	11	239	95	144	23
Portland United	11	233	100	133	31
Southill A	11	218	111	107	13
Railway Tavern	11	215	139	76	25
Weatherbury	11	187	159	29	9
Villians	11	185	161	24	17
Paicars Asasins	11	183	166	17	5
Railway Too	11	159	189	-30	7
Spit Roast Arrows	11	117	225	-108	2
Dollies	11	110	214	-104	5
Sisters of Mercy	11	102	223	-121	4
Main Road Tornados	11	79	246	-167	1

Weymouth Hockey

Hampshire Div 2	P	+/-	Pts	Southampton II		12	5	16
Trojans II	12	29	29	Winchester III	12	-6	12	
New Milton	12	5	27	Soton Uni III	12	-25	11	
Gosport	11	26	25	Fareham IV	12	-13	9	
WEYMOUTH	12	11	20	Portsmouth & SSea	11	-24	7	
Bsington II	12	5	18	Tadley	12	-20	6	
Havant IV	12	7	17					

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Hearn to hand reins to Community Trust

DORCHESTER Town Football Club is to become a community owned club. Chairman and majority shareholder Shaun Hearn has agreed to transfer his shareholding to the club's Community Trust.

A statement released by company secretary David Martin last Wednesday said: "Following weeks of discussion, the board of directors of Dorchester Town Football Club Ltd, Dorchester Town Youth FC and the Dorchester Town FC Community Trust have reached an agreement in principle to join forces and for Dorchester Town FC to become a Community Owned Club.

It is proposed that the majority shareholder of Dorchester Town Football Club Ltd, Shaun Hearn will transfer his shareholding to Dorchester Town FC Community Trust to be held on behalf of the Community of Dorchester.

Over the coming weeks and months all three parties will work together to develop a model which will ensure the

long term and sustainable future for the club providing football from mini soccer to the top level of non-league football in a national competition.

It is intended to keep supporters fully informed and further statements will be made as the model develops."

Hearn who took over as chairman of the Magpies from Eddie Mitchell is expected to remain chairman of a new board of directors which would include members of the Community Trust and Dorchester Town Youth FC who would still be responsible for running the club.

Community run clubs have become much more popular in recent years in order to prevent the demise of football clubs who have found themselves in financial trouble often due to the withdrawal of support from a single benefactor.

The scheme involves the majority shareholding of the club being held by the Community Trust. This in turn is

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owned by its members who have a stake in the ownership of the club.

Hearn in offering his shares to the Community Trust is positive that the club will do well if everybody supports it.

"The football club will work to a budget, forecasts and projections and it's a case of sitting down and putting that plan in place for next season.

"It should be a fantastic opportunity and, at the end of the day, it should make the club stronger because we are adding to what we have got. We just have to make sure it's right for everybody. It's just an option which I think can be in everybody's interest."

Asked how the club hoped to sustain its current position without his financial support and with gates of barely more than 500 he said: "At the end of

the day any business should live within its means.

"The football club is what it is with the fan base and the whole idea for me is that we hope to bring in maybe four or five new directors who will have an input and help increase the revenue.

"For instance we want to get the function room facility built so we can start raising money that way.

"The planning permission has been approved and it's now a case of getting the building regulations sorted and insuring the funding is all in place to complete it.

"I am sure it's going to create a lot more interest in the club and it's going to be a lot healthier for everybody if we can bring in some new commercial business to the football club. What we want is a football club of people prepared to work hard."

Dorchester Town FC Community Trust Secretary Dave Ring said: "This new development will facilitate the

coming together of supporters, the community, Dorchester Town Youth FC and the football club to all work together for the benefit of Dorchester Town FC.

"There are quite a few advantages. For instance the football club will no longer be owned by an individual, it will be owned by a not-for-profit benefit society.

"The whole concept is that the football club is run sustainably or at a level to which the community is prepared to buy into.

"The whole point of community ownership is to engage the community and give the supporters a structure."

The move will also see the introduction of a director of football and the integration of Dorchester Town Youth FC into the main club.

The Community Trust is now busy drafting business plans and projections in order to keep the club running



HAND OVER: Shaun Hearn

when the change of ownership goes through.

See page XX for DTFC Supporters Club Chairman Terry Spracklen's reaction to the idea

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